Sir John Brotherston Prize Regulations

1. The prize is awarded to the best essay or research on a public health topic written by a student or young graduate (for medical students this is prior to full registration). The value of the prize shall be determined initially and reviewed periodically by the Board of the Faculty; currently it is £100. Entries may only be submitted once.

2. To be eligible the essay or report must consist of original work compiled solely by the entrant (medical graduates prior to full registration). This does not preclude the entrant from receiving advice on planning, execution or reporting of research on which the entry is based. The entry shall be certified as the entrant's own work, signed by the entrant, and countersigned by the Head of the Department of Public Health in the university concerned. The final decision of eligibility rests with the Education Committee of the Faculty of Public Health.

3. An entry shall contain no more than 3,500 words, in pdf format. Words and numbers in tables, figures, references and illustrations do not count towards the total word count. All other words (including any appendices) do count. Illustrations and tabulations shall be separated from the text. References shall be listed by means of sequential numbers in the text related to the reference list in numerical order at the end of the text. Acknowledgements must not be included (in order to maintain strict anonymity). The candidate's name and full address should be supplied on a separate sheet of paper, detachable from the essay.

   The candidate's name must not appear in the essay.

4. Adjudication to be undertaken by a committee comprising:

   (a) Vice President

   (b) Assistant Academic Registrar

   (c) a representative of the Specialty Registrar Committee Member on the Education Committee

Please see here for closing date for entries.

Entries should be sent to the Education & Training Department at educ@fph.org.uk.

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